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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 26, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 26, 2007. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Flease charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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